WHEREAS, One Hundred and Ninety-Nine years ago this Fourth Day of July the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress, and with this a new nation began its great experiment of liberty under law; and,

WHEREAS, This American experiment has produced the largest measure of freedom and the highest standard of living for more people than the world has ever known, but we must never forget that our blessings are not self-perpetuating--they must be earned, over and over again, by continued attention to the principles upon which the United States of America was founded; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this Independence Day be dedicated to honoring these principles by a massive expression of appreciation for the blessings and strengths of this great democracy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 4, 1975, as

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in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens--community and religious leaders, business and labor, schools and veterans organizations--to recognize this special day with appropriate programs and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 2nd day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE